and created at Jaipur. Such facilties are not available at Divisional Offices both at Ajmer and Jaipur.

(c) Does not arise.

IGNOU courses for Assam Rifles

*758. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether IGNOU has signed an MoU with Assam Rifles, Shillong, aiming at development of human resource capital of the Force, as reported in the Times of India of 29th April, 2002.

(b) if so, the areas of development, duration of the course, place where the courses would be conducted and the number of officers and other ranks who would be imparted training, with cost involved; and

(c) whether similar proposals of other States are pending with IGNOU, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between IGNOU and Assam Rifles, Shillong on 20th April, 2002. Their duration of programme range from one month for computer literacy programme to three years for Bachelor's degree programme. The place, number of officers to be trained and the cost involved can be indicated only after the specific details are worked out.

(c) No, Sir.

Meals to children in Karnataka

*759. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Karnataka Government has submitted a project proposal for Government's approval and release of funds therefor,